(c) and (d) The steps taken by the Government of India to assist the drought affected States include free transportation of drinking water and fodder by the Railways, allocation of foodgrains free of cost under Food for Work Programme, allocation of "feed grade" foodgrains for use as cattle feed, handing over of exploratory tube wells for drinking water purposes and relaxation of norms in regard to release of funds under drinking water supply schemes.

IPM Centres in Gujarat

4576. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 759, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have monitoring system for watching functions/activities of the Central Integrated Pest Management Centre in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up more IPM Centres in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The monitoring system comprises of the following:

(i) Critical review of periodic progress reports on targets and achievements of each Centre in relation to pest/disease monitoring, conservation, production and releases of biocontrol agents, organisation of farmers' field schools and training of extension workers and farmers.

(ii) The technical output of each Centre is also reviewed by holding meetings from time to time.

(iii) Review of progress of work by the Senior Officers during their visits to the Central Integrated Pest Management Centre.

(c) No, Sir.